

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: AMEN.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: God and Father of all,

C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

C: AMEN.

Opening Hymn **LBW** #474 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (**softly singing entire song**)

Greeting:

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms: 8

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER IN ETERNITY, AND ALSO A TRUE HUMAN BEING, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD. HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED HUMAN BEING. HE HAS PURCHASED AND FREED ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH. HE HAS DONE ALL THIS IN ORDER THAT I MAY BELONG TO HIM, LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE, AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

Prayers

God Sends Us to Share the Good News and We Share in God's Supper

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Our Lord's Prayer:

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Blessing:

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us this day and forevermore.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn **LBW** #357 "Our Father, by Whose Name" (**softly singing entire song**)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

We Depart and Receive Jesus' Body and Blood

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of October, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, **Tree 4 Hope** and support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Kim and Barry Williard Jr., Courtney and Rob Forman and Matt and Olivia Williard.

Today, Sunday, October 3

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9am	SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!
9am	Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am	Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
10:15am	OUTDOOR WORSHIP (In-Person and On Zoom) including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person
11:15am	Pavilion/Drive Through Holy Communion with Pastor Tom & Miss Laurie
11:30am	Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting
7pm	Congregational Council Meeting (In-Person)

Monday, October 4

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6pm	You are Invited to Book Discussion and Fellowship! – next up, You Belong: A Call for Connection by Sebene Selassie Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com – please watch for further details or contact Ann as to the location and format for the evening!
6:30-8pm	First Holy Communion Instruction (in-person at the church)

Tuesday, October 5

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
9:30am	Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Gathering
6:15pm	Finance Committee Meeting to Prepare the 2022 Current Fund and Other Budgets (being held both in-person and on Zoom)

Wednesday, October 6

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm	Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie – in-person at the church.
7pm	Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals (Please make use of the list of health care professionals at the end of this bulletin information, taking a few minutes to lift each person up to God by name. To add names to the list, please contact Pastor Tom with their information.)

Thursday, October 7

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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Friday, October 8

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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Saturday, October 9

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, October 10

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9am	SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!
9am	Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am	Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
10:15am	Worship, including Reception of New Members and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person – LOCATION TBD AT THIS EVENING'S CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – PLEASE WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION (In-Person and On Zoom)

From next Sunday afternoon until the morning of Wednesday, October 27, Pastor Tom is planning to take time away. In his absence, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office on the morning of October 27.

Looking Ahead

The annual **Autumn Drive-In Movie Night with Miss Laurie** will be held on Friday, October 15, with the fun getting underway at sundown. Watch Miss Laurie's weekly email for details on exact time.

Friday, October 15, will also be the deadline to submit items to Secretary Rachel Henry for the November **St. John's Epistle**.

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Blanket Bunch Report

On behalf of the blanket bunch I would like to keep the congregation informed as to what has been happening since the Pandemic hit in March of 2020. The blanket bunch immediately stopped meeting in mid-March 2020. In October 2020 we shipped a total of 91 blankets to LWR, gave 5 blankets to fire victims, 1 to Life Line Pregnancy, and 50 to Bethesda Mission. In May 2021 we decided to meet again for 3 sessions only. In October 2021 we will be shipping a total of 21 blankets to LWR plus 2 ready-made blankets. We also donated one to Lifeline Pregnancy for their upcoming auction. At the present time we have decided to take a break and get back to making blankets when the Covid-19 virus is more under control. In closing I want to thank each and every one of you who have helped us with this ministry by your support and donations. God Bless You. Pat Herb

Our autumn session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, October 27** – much like last year, after Pastor Tom returns from his planned time away – and, again much like last year, will then continue each Wednesday through December 15, except for Thanksgiving Eve, when we will take the evening off. We will meet each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Please stay tuned for more information as to our format this fall – in person/Zoom/hybrid, which will be guided in good measure by what is happening COVID-wise closer to that time. The topic of our autumn study will be something a bit different – ***Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes: A Study of the Scriptures Jesus Read***. As summarized so well in the study description, “(Our writer) Rabbi Evan Moffic has a passion for sharing Jewish faith and traditions with Christian audiences. In this new study, Rabbi Moffic explores the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and highlights the key points of interest to Christians. He presents the biblical text and interpretations of it in the way Jewish leaders during the time of Jesus would have studied it while examining different commentaries from thousands of years of Jewish sources.” As always with these studies, no previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (if and when you are comfortable doing so) discuss God’s Word together! ***So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) by the end of the day this coming Wednesday, October 6.***

As work begins on a new bi-annual Congregational Family Directory, which will become available in January with the Annual Congregational Report, there has been a good bit of interest expressed in including best email addresses along with mailing addresses and telephone numbers in the new directory. If you would like to share your best email address(es) for the upcoming directory, please send that information with your permission to both Rachel and Pastor Tom, and it will be included. ***Please note that, even though Pastor Tom and/or Miss Laurie might already have your email address(es), they will not share that information for the directory or for any other reason without your further permission, as they agreed when given that information, so please be sure to send this new email if interested!***

Containers are in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry. Thank you!

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethtown. Please place your aluminum in the barrel outside of the door. Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. ***(Please bear in mind that the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl “for life”, to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)***

If you are not currently comfortable taking part in in-person worship, there are ***three*** very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. You are welcome to 1. mail your offering to the church (PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270) or 2. drop by the church and place it in the red plastic tub that is prominently visible in the Sunday School Room on the table outside Pastor Tom's office door. In addition, 3. if neither of those is easily done, you may wish to contact your bank setting up an automatic payment, as some congregational family members have done, whereby the offering you direct is sent by your bank as a check mailed directly to the church. In all cases, Pastor Tom will see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters.

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

The 3rd quarter audit will be held at the church Monday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. All treasurers please have your books ready and at the church. Thank you. Pat Herb

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #591
- **Paul Glace** – At Home Preparing for Heart Valve Replacement Surgery as Early As Mid-October
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Rm. #133, Frey Village, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, 17057
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab. Center
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

Our Faith Active in Worship – September 26, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,824
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$810
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$85
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$275
Total Attendance	Zoom – 13, In Person – 56

Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8/23/21)

- **Paulette Warner, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**
- **Jenna Troutman, RN**
- **Jodi Thompson, CCMA**
- **Gwen Switzer, RTR**
- **Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant**
- **Kristen Spicher, RN**
- **Sara Shaffer, RN**
- **Steven Schlegel, Paramedic**
- **Michelle Scheff*, MS, CCC/SLP** (Speech Therapist in Seattle, WA)
- **Joanne Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **David Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **Dr. Todd Peters*** (Chief Medical Officer in Baltimore, MD)
- **Joshua Peters, PA-C** (Serving in Colorado)
- **Dr. Alayna Peters** (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- **Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **Angela Paul, PTA**
- **Cindy Nicholson*, RN**
- **Whitni Ney, RN**
- **Haley Nestor*, BSN, RN**
- **Shannon Motter, RN**
- **Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT)**
- **Roni Mace, RN**
- **Heidi Lehman, RT (R)**
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **Rose Kell, MS** (Occupational Therapist in California)
- **Nichole Holman*, RN**
- **Dr. Tonya Henninger & Dr. Sarah Bork*** (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- **Abigail Francisco*, RN**
- **Robert Foreman, Paramedic**
- **Courtney Foreman, RN**
- **Glenn Fontaine*, RN** (Serving in Michigan)
- **Ann Fontaine*, PA-C** (Serving in Michigan)
- **Olivia Enders, CNA**
- **Dr. Seth Eisenberg*** (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- **Rachel Denlinger*, RN** (Serving in Charleston, SC)
- **Gary Daniels, EMT**
- **Dr. Timothy Bruner & Dr. Gabrielle Fregeau*** (Doctors of Physical Therapy in Ocean County, NJ)
- **Dr. Daniel Bruner & Dr. Richelle Demers*** (Doctors of Chiropractic)
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer*** (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- **Dr. Brett Bellis*** (Doctor of Chiropractic)
- **Chelsea Beard, EFDA**

*denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family